

Article VII. Taxicabs.

Section 16-66. "Taxicab" defined.

The word "taxicab," when used in this article, shall mean a taxicab as defined in section 361 of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957. (1951, ch. 93, § 1.)

Section 16-67. Authority of city to regulate taxicabs.

The mayor and council of Brunswick are hereby authorized and empowered to enact ordinances providing regulations for the operation of taxicabs in the city and for the registration and fixing requirements for the owners and operators of the taxicabs so as to protect the safety, health and general welfare of the city and its residents, citizens and occupants; provided, that such regulations are not in conflict with the laws of the state and regulations adopted by the commissioner of motor vehicles. (1951, ch. 93, § 1.)

Section 16-68. Aid from state public service commission.

The mayor and council of Brunswick shall be empowered to request the aid of the public service commission of the state in the determination of rates which may be established under this article. The public service commission shall be empowered to extend such aid as may be requested from time to time by the mayor and council of Brunswick in the determination of rates so far as such aid is consistent with the statutory powers conferred upon such commission by the laws of the state. (1951, ch. 93, § 1.)

Section 16-69. Penalty for violation of city taxicab ordinance.

The violation of any of the provisions of any ordinance enacted pursuant to this article shall be considered a misdemeanor. Upon conviction thereof before a trial magistrate of the city or other competent court, the offender shall be subject to a fine of not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offense and, in default of payment of the fine, to imprisonment for not exceeding twenty-five days. (1951, ch. 93, § 1.)

Article VIII. Waters and Sewers.

Section 16-70. Powers.

The mayor and council of Brunswick shall have the following authority and power:

- A. To construct, operate and maintain a water supply system and water plant.
- B. To construct, operate and maintain a sanitary sewerage system, a sewerage treatment plant and storm water sewers and drainage system.
- C. To inspect, reconstruct, enlarge, alter, repair, improve or dispose of the above plants and systems and all parts, installation and structures thereof.
- D. To have surveys, plans, specifications and estimates made for any of the above plants or systems or parts or extensions thereof.

- E. To assess fees, charges and assessments, including but not limited to deposits, connection fees, and service charges in connection with the construction, operation, use, and maintenance of the above systems.
- F. To require the submission of plans and specifications for construction of the above systems, and to approve, disapprove or conditionally approve said plans and specifications.
- G. To inspect and regulate the use and operation of any such plant or system or parts thereof in any manner which it deems to be in the public interest.
- H. To enact and pass all ordinances or resolutions which it may deem necessary and proper to execute the objects specified in this Article, to regulate the management, protection, and use of the above plants and systems, and to do all things which it deems necessary for the efficient operation and maintenance of the above plants and systems.
- I. To engage in any act or procedure authorized by the law of the State of Maryland, as it may exist or be amended from time to time.

(Code 1930, art. 11, § 49; 1943, ch. 740, § 1; Char. Res. 04-05, 4-27-04.)

Section 16-71. Authorization of work by town.

Any individual, firm, corporation or entity may be required by the mayor and council of Brunswick or its designee to submit plans and obtain written approval prior to beginning any construction of or placing or changing the location of any main, conduit, pipe or other structure in the public ways of the City. Such approval may be subject to such limitations as may be imposed by the mayor and council or its designee. The mayor and council may order the removal of any unauthorized or unapproved main, conduit, pipe or other structure which interferes with the operation of the City water, sewerage, or storm water systems. (Code 1930, art. 11, § 49; 1943, ch. 740, § 1; Char. Res. 04-05, 04-27-04.)

Section 16-72. Obstructions.

Any individual, firm, corporation or entity which has mains, pipes, conduits or other structures in, on or over any public way in the City and which impede the establishment, construction or operation of any sewer or water main or storm water sewer shall, upon reasonable notice, remove or adjust the obstructions at their own expense and to the satisfaction of the City. (Code 1930, art. 11, § 50; 1943, ch. 740, § 1; Char. Res. 04-05, 04-27-04.)

Section 16-73. Connections; charges.

When any water main or sanitary sewer is declared ready for operation by the City, all abutting property owners, after reasonable notice, may be required to connect all fixtures with the water or sewer main. The City may charge, in an amount to be determined by the mayor and council, for each connection made to the City's water and sewer mains. The mayor and council may establish and collect such charges, service fees, rates, water rent and other charges in accordance with the law of the State of Maryland. The manner and amount of such charges, fees, rates and rents shall be established by the mayor and council by resolution. All such

charges, fees, rates and rents shall be liens upon the real estate on which the water or sewer services were used and may be collected in the same manner as real estate taxes are collected. (Char. Res. 04-05, 04-27-04.)

Section 16-74. Extensions beyond boundaries.

The City shall have the authority, but shall not be obligated, to extend its water system or its sewer system beyond the corporate limits of the City. (Char. Res. 04-05, 04-27-04.)

Section 16-75. Acquisition of property.

The mayor and council shall have the authority to acquire by gift, purchase, lease or condemnation any land, improvements, rights of way, sources of water or other property of any kind or interest, either in fee or as an easement, for the purpose of establishing, operating, extending or maintaining the water system, water plant, sanitary sewerage system, sewerage treatment plant or storm water sewers. Any condemnation proceedings shall be brought and conducted in accordance with the law of the State of Maryland. (Char. Res. 04-05, 04-27-04.)

Article IX. (Repealed.)

Article X. Special Assessments.

Section 16-76. Authority of City to levy special assessments.

The City shall have the power to levy and collect taxes in the form of special assessments upon property in a limited and determinable area for special benefits conferred upon such property by the design, installation, construction, maintenance, repair and removal of water mains, sanitary sewer mains, storm water sewers, roads and public ways and sidewalks or parts thereof, curbs, gutters, walls and retaining walls, and other public improvements and projects, and to provide for the payment of all or any part of the above improvements and projects out of the proceeds of such special assessment. The cost of any improvement or project to be paid in whole or in part by special assessments may include the direct cost thereof, the cost of any land acquired for the improvement or project, the interest on bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in anticipation of the collection of special assessments, and the reasonable charges for the services of the administrative staff of the town, and any other item of cost which may reasonably be attributed to the improvement or project. (**Char. Res. 03-03, 4-8-03.**)

Section 16-77. Procedure

The procedure for levying and collecting special assessments, wherever authorized in this Charter, shall be as follows:

- (a) Costs. The cost of the improvement or project shall be assessed according to the front foot rule of apportionment or some other equitable basis determined by the mayor and council.